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| Karl Marx  Karl Marx 1818-1883.  Karl Marx was a philosopher, economist, sociologist and journalist.  Marx's theories about society, economics and politics, known as [*Marxis*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marxism)*m*, hold that human societies progress through [class struggle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Class_struggle).  Marxism is the system of socialism of which the dominant feature is public ownership of the means of production, distribution, and exchange.  Marx viewed history as a record of oppression and domination where the upper classes are able to exploit the lower classes.  Original (471 × 348) | Marx believed capitalism produced internal tensions which would lead to its self-destruction and replacement by a new system: socialism.  Marxist views of religion? The workers under the capitalist regimes were miserable and alienated, religious beliefs were sustained. Religion, according to Marx was the response to the pain of being alive, the response to earthly suffering.  File:&quot;Cross&quot;  Marx has been described as one of the most influential figures in human history.  Famous quotes:  “Workers of the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains!”  *“From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs.”*  “The production of too many useful things results in too many useless people.” |